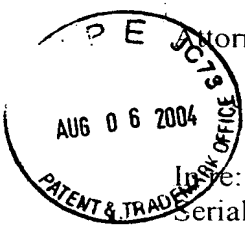


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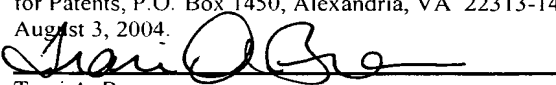
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Applicants provide the present Amendment and Request for Reconsideration to address the issues raised in the Official Action mailed May 7, 2004.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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